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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2006 (the "Office Action"), the following are submitted:

- **Amendments to the Claims,** which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments,** which begin on page 6 of this paper.